

REMARKS

The Office Action of December 21, 2005 (Paper No. 20051215) has been carefully considered.

The specification is being amended to correct a minor error. Claims 2 and 12 are being canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, and claims 1, 3 thru 5, 7 thru 9, 11, 13 thru 15, and 17 thru 19 are being amended. Thus, claims 1, 3 thru 11 and 13 thru 20 are pending in the application.


With respect to the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112 (second paragraph) appearing on pages 2-3 of the Office Action, claims 3, 4, 8, 9, 13, 14, 18 and 19 are being amended to recite the data device in combination with the steering wheel. Therefore, the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112 (second paragraph) should no longer apply.

On page 3 of the Office Action, claims 1, 6, 11 and 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 for alleged unpatentability over Martin, U.S. Patent No. 4, 890,559. However, dependent claims 2, 5, 7, 10, 12, 17 and 20 are merely objected to for dependency on a rejected base claim. Accordingly, independent claims 1 and 11 are being amended to include the recitations of dependent claims 2 and 12, respectively, and dependent claims 7 and 17 re being amended to appear in independent form. Therefore, independent claims 1, 7, 11 and 17, and their associated dependent claims, should now be in condition for allowance.

In view of the above, the claims of this application should now be in condition for allowance, and early issuance is solicited.

As indicated in the Fee Transmittal Form filed in duplicate herewith, the additional independent claim fee and any shortage of fees should be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-1070 (44.1005). Any fee due is authorized above.

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